

**MINUTES OF THE
JOINT HOUSE AND SENATE RULES COMMITTEE
Room 135, West Office Building, State Capitol Complex
January 10, 2007**

Members Present: Sen. W. Bill Hickman, Senate Chairman
 Rep. Stephen H. Urquhart, House Chairman
 Rep. Gregory H. Hughes, House Vice Chairman
 Sen. Gregory S. Bell
 Sen. D. Chris Buttars
 Sen. Darin Peterson
 Rep. Jackie Biskupski
 Rep. James A. Dunnigan
 Rep. Kevin S. Garn
 Rep. Neal B. Hendrickson
 Rep. Michael T. Morley
 Rep. Mark W. Walker

Members Absent: Sen. Gene Davis
 Sen. Peter Knudson
 Sen. Ed P. Mayne

Staff Present: John Q. Cannon, Managing Policy Analyst
 Stewart E. Smith, Policy Analyst/Special Project Mngr.
 John Fellows, Associate General Counsel
 Barbara Bryner, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

1. Committee Business

Sen. Bill Hickman called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

2. Recodification of Joint Rules

Mr. John Fellows, Associate General Counsel, explained to the Committee that three years ago the Rules Committee and Leadership from both house made an effort of recodify the rules and make revisions to them to bring them up to date. To begin that process, three years ago they started with the interim rules and passed those recodified rules. Two years ago, they passed the first three titles of joint rules. This summer the former Rules Committee continued work to complete the recodification of joint rules. Mr. Fellows presented the following documents:

Joint Rules Recodification Comparison Table - Title 4
Joint Rules Recodification Comparison Table - Ethics
Joint Rules Recodification Comparison Table - Expenses

Joint Rules Recodification Comparison Table - Title 4

Mr. Fellows explained the following rules were discussed by the previous Rules Committee:

JR-4.39. Distribution of Resolutions - no changes were recommended by the committee

JR-19.01. Prioritization of Bills

Mark Blazard, Fiscal Analyst answered questions to the committee regarding the priority of fiscal notes. The fiscal analysts will work on fiscal notes as fast as the bills come in noting that some will take longer. No changes were recommended by the committee.

JR4-2-101. Requests for Legislation

Sen. Hickman questioned JR4-2-101, Requests for Legislation (d) (i) , (ii) and requested that the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel be replaced with the former legislator to seek another legislator to assume sponsorship of each request for legislation filed by the legislator who is unavailable to serve.

MOTION: Sen. Butters moved to have the language changed in JR4-2-101 (d) (i), (ii) from Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel to former legislator. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Biskupski absent for the vote.

JR4-2-403. Fiscal Notes (JR-4.22(6), (7), JR-4.23(1))

Mr. Fellows explained the three day deadline for the preparation of the fiscal note.

JR 4-2-502. Reservation of Bill Numbers

Staff raised the following issues for committee discussion:

Designate permanent bill numbers alternating between the House and Senate for six bills:

HB1/SB1: State agency and education base budget bills
HB2/SB2: New Fiscal Year Supplemental Appropriations Acts
HB3/SB3: Current Fiscal Year Supplemental and Bill of Bills
HB4-9 and SB4-9: Other Appropriations and Funding Bills

MOTION: Rep. Garn moved to adopt the concept of reserving bill numbers 1–10. The motion passed unanimously.

JR-4.30 Printing of Identical Bills

Mr. Fellows explained this rule.

JR-4-3-101. Request for Appropriation (JR-4.22.1)

Mr. Fellows explained the new language.

JR-4-4-104. Floor Action

The former Joint Rules Committee questioned what the word "consider" means in proposed Joint Rule 4-4.104. Mr. Fellows explained it to the committee. Sen. Hickman requested that this issue be discussed in our next meeting.

Mr. Fellows explained the new language on the following rules. No changes were recommended by the committee.

JR4-4.107. Bill Transmitted to Other House (JR-4.34)

Chapter 5. Deadlines for Passage of Certain Bills, Part 1, 2, and 3

Section 4-6.102. Enrollment and Transmittal to the Governor (JR-8.03, 8.04)

JR-8.04. Sent to Governor

Section 4-6.201. Recalling a Bill Before it is Signed by the Speaker and President

Section 4-6.202. Recalling a Bill from the Governor

Mr. Fellows explained the Joint Rules "Repealed but Not included in the Recodification" to the committee.

Sen. Hickman suggested to the committee to review the Joint Rules Recodification Comparison Table - Title 4, Joint Rules Recodification Comparison Table - Ethics, and Joint Rules Recodification Comparison Table - Expenses before the next meeting.

Mr. Fellows requested the committee to review the "Statutory Provisions Governing Conflict of Interest" and "Joint Rules Governing Conflict of Interest."

3. Joint and Interim Rules Revisions

Joint Rules Resolution - Appropriation Subcommittees.

Rep. Bigelow explained the resolution to the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Garn moved to adopt this resolution as a committee bill. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Revisor's Statute

Mr. Fellows explained this bill to the committee.

MOTION: Sen. Buttars moved to adopt this bill as a committee bill. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Dunnigan absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Hendrickson moved that the joint meeting be adjourned while the House Rules Committee would continue meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Dunnigan absent for the vote. Chair Hickman adjourned the joint meeting at 4:30 p.m.